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WASHINGTON, D. C., APRIL 5, 1882.

Population of the National Capital...180,000.

Amusements To-Night.

NATIONAL THEATRE—MAGASIN—LUTE

SALOON.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR's veto message of the Chinese bill will be read with profound interest. His objections are stated in clear, forcible language, and will receive the careful consideration which the importance of the subject demands. It appeared to be the general sentiment among the leading legislators last evening that the bill would be re-enacted by Congress with the twenty-year clause reduced to ten years, and such other modifications as will suggest themselves in a further legislative discussion of the subject. There is no doubt of the steady passage and approval of a bill restricting the immigration of Chinese laborers into this country.

The Liqueur Dealers' Association used the leased Democratic party office effectively in some of the townships in Indiana on the 3d instant.

ROSCOE CONKLING.

His Letter on the Rights of American Citizens at Home and Abroad.

It is a rather singular fact that the name of James Blodget, of New York, does not appear in the long list of patentees of step-ladders.

"The immortal J. N." has gone into voluntary retirement, feeling that the country is safe in the hands of his great coadjutor, Tommy Nichol.

Not even to suppress a desperado like Jesse James can any civilized State afford the lifting of one scoundrel to assassinate another. No end can justify such means.

NO ANSWER has yet been made to the arguments presented by Senator Edmunds and others in favor of the franking privilege. They are simply unanswerable, except by the logic of a sneer.

"Men have learned," remarks, in big type, our morning Democratic contemporary. And then the organ proceeds with a practical demonstration of the ancient proposition that Bourbons can't learn anything.

The coffin of a great man, whether statesman, scientist, poet, or otherwise distinguished, serves as a pedestal on which smaller men succeed in attracting brief notice from the general public. Thus the demise of the great is a boom to the little.

There is not a Democrat in the House who dare dare go before his constituents for re-election advocating the Democratic gospel of free trade as defined by the national Democratic organ and the Cobden Club—"largest revenue from smallest number of articles."

PRESIDENT GONZALEZ's message to the Mexican Congress is remarkable for frankness, emphasis, and cheerful views as to the future of Mexico. It is not necessary now in that country for the farmer to use a crooked stick for a plow in order to escape persecution. The era of progress has set in earnest.

In all the speeches made by the alleged revenue reformers in Congress there is a total lack of specific statements. They all howl in chorus about what is, but not one of them tries to tell what ought to be. They are architects who know how to tear down, but have no capacity for building. When they and their friends had control of the House they were careful to elect a Speaker who would set up the Ways and Means Committee against reform.

Who Are "Garfield Republicans?"

A Republican is a believer in certain political principles and measures. If he is sincerely devoted to these there is no allegiance due from any individual.

The New York Tribune classes as "Garfield Republicans" all who hate President Arthur, and then blames if the President appoints to office any man who does not hate him. In the sense of sorrowing over the tragic fate of President Garfield and doing all that is becoming in Americans to do in honor of his memory all Republicans are "Garfield Republicans," if we except perhaps the Tribune's co-worker, William Brown, of Kentucky. But that is not what the Tribune means. By "Garfield Republicans" he means the political vermin that crawled over the late President; he means the creatures who urged him to act as he was opposed to, and who then made it difficult for him to retreat; he means men who dealt with him as though he was a coward to be bullied, coxcomb to be flattered, or a mensal to be commanded by midnight telegrams, not trusted to him at first for fear he would deny having received them. In the Tribune vocabulary a Garfield Republican is a slanderer or an eavesdropper, whose only desire is to poison the public mind against President Arthur and all who are his friends; or he is a knave who befools the name of Garfield by using it as a shield for his own small villainies; or he is a whining hypocrite, who seeks office to enable him to mourn more loudly for Garfield; or he is a political confidence man, who demands office on the false pretense that it had been promised him by General Garfield, and claims that the

appointing power is with the dead and not the living. In short, a Garfield Republican of the Tribune pattern deals with the tomb of the dead President as a certificate of stock, blows his name on bottles in which to peddle political nostrums, and, like a hired mute at a funeral, makes his mechanical grieves an occupation. Such fellows should be whipped as impostors instead of being decorated with official honors.

It is unmanly to qualify one's devotion to principle by worship of any man. Freemen should bend only to God. The President will not be likely to accept as the roll of Republicans in this country the spiteful handful of malignants who recognize the New York Tribune as their mouthpiece. They are not "Garfield Republicans." They are merely anti-Arthur malcontents.

War Claims.

Yesterday's session of the House was mainly devoted to discussing the proposed transfer of quartermaster's claims to the Court of Claims, which is sought to be done by an amendment to the army appropriation bill. The discussion was directly upon the point of order raised that the amendment was not germane to the bill. The chair decided in effect that it was in order to say that money appropriated for the army should not be used to pay quartermaster's agents, but that it was not germane to an army appropriation bill to argue rules and regulations for the Court of Claims.

Very grave questions surround this subject of claims, questions in deciding which the Republican party cannot afford to make any mistake. A change in the whole policy of the Government in regard to war claims is involved in this question whether the Government shall continue to restrict payment to loyal claimants, or shall throw open the door to loyal and disloyal claimants alike, and it is very clear that in deciding the matter wisely and safely the Congress should not be trammeled and restricted by the close and narrow rules which hedge about any new legislation in an appropriation bill, where there is room enough to do much harm, but not enough to do good. So important a matter as this demands, for safety, the free scope of a separate law, in which whatever provisions may be necessary to secure justice to claimants and protect the Government can be made, and forbids dealing with it in the clumsy, contracted, and restricted shape of a rider on an appropriation bill.

The Senate adjourned till Wednesday.

House of Representatives.

Mr. White, of Kentucky, asked leave to offer a resolution directing the Speaker to request the return by the Senate of the bill, passed by the House Monday, to amend the internal revenue laws.

He intended to present his resolution in Nebraska, to the public domain.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, reported the regulations for the allowances to be given to army officers as it stood before the Senate.

Mr. Rollins, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, introduced an amendment, with amendment, to the bill to incorporate the Maritime Canal Company of Nicaragua.

Upon a motion, request permission was given by the speaker to introduce the Foreign Relations Committee to present at any time the views of the authority that committee.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Public Buildings, reported favorably with amendment the bill to appropriate \$5,000 for the purchase of the set of records and proofs in cases in the Senate, and the documents belonging to the estate of the late Senator Carpenter.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, reported adversely the Senate bill for the supply of the Library.

Mr. Sewell, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported adversely the Senate bill for the supply of the Library.

Mr. Miller, of California, from the Committee on Post Roads, reported favorably with amendment the bill to appropriate \$100,000 for the construction of the Black Hills telegraph line. Indefinitely postponed.

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